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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Munchhof, Michael, J., *et al.*

APPLICATION NO.: 10/667,183

FILING DATE: September 17, 2003

TITLE: Novel Triazole Compounds as Transforming
Growth Factor (TGF) Inhibitors

Examiner: P. Morris

Group Art Unit: 1625

Confirmation No. 8579

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.137(b)

With regards to the failure to timely pay the issue and publication fee for the above referenced case, applicants assert that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.137(b) was unintentional. Applicants also enclose the petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(m) and required issue and publication fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two (2) copies of this sheet are enclosed herewith.